## Babe Ruth, Joint Holder of American League Home Run Record, Now Blazes Away at Freeman's Major League Mark

## BABE RUTH HOT ON TRAIL OF FREEMAN

Has Third of Season to Get Nine Homers and Tie Buck's Record of 25.

CRAVATH POLED OUT 24

Red Sox Slugger Now Joint Holder With Seybold in American League.

When Babe Ruth, the sensational elugger of the Boston Red Sox, slapped a home run into the right field bleachers at Fenway Park, Boston, last Tuesday he tied a home run record American League maulers have been shooting at

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it wain for the last sixteen years.

It was Ruth's sixteenth home run of the season, and it tied the American League record for ramming out four bargers. Socks Seybold, the former roly-poly right fielder of the Athletic Champions of 1902 and 1805, barged out sixteen home runs in 1902, the first year Connie Mack won a pennant in Phila-

still ahead of him Ruth should have little trouble in passing Seybold's figures and producing a new record for the

and producing a new record for the American League,
Ruth also has a chance to break the major league home run record, established by Buck Freeman of the Washlington National League Club in 1899, when he knocked out twenty-five home runs. This is the mark that all sluggers have been alming at. Twice within the last eight years National League sing-gers have approached it.

## Nearest Approach.

Frank Schulte hit twenty-one home runs for the Cubs in 1911, while Gabby Cravath of the Phillies just missed tring Freeman's home run record by one in 1916, the year the Phillies won their only pennant. Old Wooden Shoes helped them slong that year with twenty-four

1816, the year the Phillies wen their only pennant. Old Wooden Shoes helped them along that year with twenty-four slaps for the circuit.

Frank Schulte and Chicago baseball reporters always claimed that Wildfre was suchred out of two home runs in 1911 or he would have come within two slams of matching Freeman's figures. Schulte never forgave John Foster, now secretary of the Glants, for taking a homer off him that year.

It was the year of the Polo Grounds fire, and the Giants were playing on the rocks plateau of the old Hillton, the American League park. With Devore in right field Schulte whistled one to right that bounded along on the rocks and sped through Devore. Schulte made the circuit, but Foster, then official scorer for the Giants, gave Frank a single and Josh a three base error. Schulte nearly burned up next day when he saw the papers failed to give him a home run.

Various athletes now in the hig leagues have beaten Freeman's twenty-five record in the minors. Ping Bodie, the Yank centre fielder, hit thirty home runs for San Francisco in the Pacific Coast League in 1910, but the Coast League plays a schedule of 220 games.

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Les Mann of the Cubs hit twenty-even home runs in 1912 while he was Les Mann of the Cubs hit twentyseven home runs in 1912 while he was a member of the Seattle club of the Northwestern League. Before Cravath started on his home run rampage in the National League he banged out twenty-nine home runs for Minneapolis in the American Association in 1911. It was on the strength of their home run records in the minors that Bodie, Mann and Cravath landed in the majors in the seasons fellowing their great minor league home run harvest. Bodie joined the White Sox in 1911; Cravath came to the Phillies for his second big league advanture in 1912, and Mann became a Brave in 1913.

It is Ruth's misfortune to try to match Freeman's record in a year in which the season has been shortened fourteen games. Cravath, Schulte and other slurgers who went after Buck's twenty-five record had 154 games to do it in, while Ruth has only 140. In view of the highly prosperous stats of haseball at present it is amusing to look back to last winter when the club owners cut the season, thinking it would take several years for baseball to get back to normal, Looking over the home run records of the last nineteen years it is intoresting

Looking over the home run records of the last nineteen years it is interesting to note how the home run crops have fluctuated in different years. For instance, Tommy Leach, the little third baseman of the Pittsburg National League champs of 1902, hit only six home runs that season, but it was home runs that season, but it was force the courts took Lajole, Flick and others from the Athense the National League that year. It was the same year that Seybold created the ladder of the same years that Seybold created the ladder of the same years that Seybold created the ladder of the letter and others from the Athense the letter and ordered them back to the Phillies. It will be recalled they went to Cleveland instead. Looking over the home run records of

About the leanest home run titles years. were won in 1969. Jack Murray, then Eve of the Giants, won the National League home run crown with only 7, while Ty Cobb won it in the American League with 3. That is the only year that Ty

took home run honors.

Of the modern maulers Cravath, the new manager of the Phillies, is far in the lead, and Ruth will have to go some in the next few years to match Cravath's home run figures in Philadelphia. It must be admitted, however, that Cravath's Sheckard led the National League in Philadelphia and the next philadelphia in the same with pine in 1803 and the next philadelphia in the same with pine in 1803 and the next philadelphia in the same with pine in 1803 and the next philadelphia in the same with pine in 1803 and the next philadelphia in the same with pine in 1803 and the next philadelphia in the same with pine in 1803 and the next philadelphia in the same with pine in 1803 and the next philadelphia in the same with pine in 1803 and the next philadelphia in the same with pine in 1803 and the next philadelphia in the same with pine in 1803 and the next philadelphia in the same with pine in the same with pine in the same with pine in the same problem. played seventy-seven games each year homers with nine in 1903, and the next to one of the easiest parks to hit home year Harry Lumley led with the same number. Tim Jordan led in 1906 and

runs in the major leagues.

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Wally Pipp won home run honors for playing the cuttled and appeared.

Flocks of Homers Have Bounced Off the Bats of This Slugging Trio



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was the same year that Saybold created the old American League record of 18.

Tet coming down to 1915, we find that Year with 24 homers, whereas Bobby Roth playing that season with Chicago and Cleveland, led the American League with only 7.

A Lean Home Run Year.

About the leanest home run titles

Even in their tall-end days the Athletics produced a man capable of putting up a battle for the home run title. Last year Tilly Walker tied Babe Ruth for the home run leadership with eleven.

Ruth's pet home run shooting gallery ever since he came into the American League. Long before Ruth ever thought of playing the outfield, and appeared here only as a pitcher, he used to punch home runs into that stand regularly on his visits to New York.

Cravath won the National League sittle five times, though in 1915 he was obliged to divide it with Dave Robertson. He took honors in 1913 and 1914 with nine-teen home runs in 1915 and the twenty-four. In 1915 he sumped up to twenty-four. In 1915 he came down to eleven, and was nosed out by Davey Robertson and Cy Williams, both of whom hit twelve. In 1917 Cravath thit twelve and Dave Robertson also hit a dozen, so the former Giant star had to divide honors again. Last year Cravath won his home run honors cheaply, as eight was enough to beat out the field.

Led Both Leagues.

Buck Preeman and Sam Crawford are the only players who have the distinction of having led both major leagues in hitting home runs. In both cases their American League in both cases their American League in bitting home runs. In both cases their American League majorities were much smaller than their National League in the field.

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## MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS IN HOME RUNS SINCE 1901

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## International League Averages

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## HENDRYX RETAINS LEAD IN BATTING

stolen bases with 29. Christenbury, Memphis, who is "runner up" to Gilbert for batting honors with a mark of .320.

is leading the league in runs scored. He crossed the plate 64 times.

Other leading batters: Duncan, Birmingham, 307: Grimm, Little Rock, 306; McMillan, Mobile, 305: Peters, Birmingham, 303; J. Suilivan, New Orleans, 303; Mayer, Atlanta, 294; Carroll, Memphia, 293; Gieason, Chatroll, Memphia, Memphia, 293; Gieason, Chatroll, Memphia, Mem Birmingham, 303; J. Sullivan, New Or-leans, 303; Mayer, Atlants, 294; Car-roll, Memphia, 298; Gleason, Chattanooga, 290; Griffin, Atlanta, 286.

## TESREAU WITH EMPEY'S TEAM.

Bacharach Glants To-day.

With Jeff Teereau, former star pitcher of the Giants added, to the club's roster, Guy Empey's Treat 'Em Roughs expect to avenge the double defeat they suffered last Sunday at the hands of the Bacharach Giants by taking both ends of to-day's return double header at Dyckman Oval, near the Dckyman street subway station. Teereau will pitch against Dick Bedding and Jimmy Clinton will oppose Jessie Hubbard.

The Bacharach Giants include the following players: Bill Gatewood, c.;

tollowing players: Bill Gatewood, c.; lie Chappy Johnson, c.; Ben Taylor, ib.; Ga Prince Handy. 2b.; John Lloyd, sa.; M. Puggy Hutchinson, 3b.; Spotwood Pole, Jo It.; George Shvely, cf.; Johnny Pugh, It.; Dick Redding, p.; Leroy Roberts, Ja; p.; Jessie Hubbard, p., and Shang John-Jon.

## TOM HUGHES IS THROUGH.

Week
Hosh Angeles, Cal., Aug. 2.—Tom
Hughes, once with the Boston Braves,
has turned in his Angel uniform and
announces he has quit baseball. Two
years ago Hughes's arm went back on
him. This season he started working
out with the Angels, but after thres
months' daily work and one trial on
the slab he said he couldn't come back.

## Sisler Takes Batting Lead Away From Ty Cobb AN IDEAL MANAGER

Georgian Drops to Third Position, Veach Jumping to Pat Is an Indefatigable Works Second Place-Cravath Maintains His Position On Top in National League Race.

Although Clarence Mitchell of Brook-lyn and Jim Thorpe, now of the Braves, have the highest batting percentages in the National League, still as they have of the Yankees and Shoeless Joe Jack-

the National League, still as they have played but comparatively few games. Cactus Cravath, manager and demon pinch hitter of the Phillies, still leads the league with a percentage of .353 in sixty-two games.

Ed Roush the Cincinnati slugger, who was in thirteenth position last week, hopped up to fifth place, and George Burns, who was in ninth place last week, jumped to sixth.

George Sialer of the Browns has dislodged Cobb from the top of the batting list in the American League, with .253 in eighty-six games. Sisler also leads all the major league stickers in the matter of hits. He has banged out 120 to a construction of the Yankees and Shoeless Joe Jack-son of the White Sox hang to fourth and fifth places respectively. Peckinpaugh has scored the greatest number of runs, the sixty-nine to his credit, with sixty-nine to his credit. In the National League, Zack Wheat leads in hits with 107, while Groh of the Reds has scored most runs, fifty-six. Cutshaw of the Pirates has stolen twenty-four bases and leads his league.

Jesse Barnes of the Giants is the leading hurler of the National League, while Eddie Clootte of shine ball fame maintains his position as the leading pitcher of the American League.

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er, Who Even Talks Ball in His Sleep.

JUDGE OF MEN

Favors the Hand Pat, but Can Use the Whip When It Is Needed.

Manager Pat Moran is guiding his team of hustling Reds with much soumen and getting the best possible work out of the material at hand. The team leader of Pat's ability end industry, and the fare recognize his worth and are for him to a man. The head of the team has a number of good points but the greatest and most valuable is his entire and ob-solute devotion to the interests of the

club.

Moran has no outside distractions to take his mind off his work. His whole thought is for baseball and he gives himself freely to the task of building up a winner. He thinks, plans and studies with the sole end in view of winning more games of ball. His mind is attuned to the baseball key and works harmoniously to one end.

harmoniously to one end.

On and off the field he is a baseball manager. He is industry personified along his chosen line. Pat is not one of those who believe in throwing away the bat and ball as soon as the game is over for the day and turning to some other pursuit.

## Talks Ball in Sleep.

It is probable that he talks baseball in his sleep. At any rate, he often liss awake to think out plans for the next

awake to think out plans for the next day and figure on some scheme for distracting and annoying the enemy.

The fans like Pat because they see him out on the coaching lines every inning working and hustling for the club. But this is only part of his day's work. After the game he usually has a few words to say to the boys in commendation of their good plays or correction for their mistakes. In the evening he is plotting and planning for the next day.

day.

As soon as he has had breakfast to
the morning he is on his way to the
yard ready to give the boys the benefit
of his cogitations. He holds a meeting
to the regulars nearly every day at
which the signs and combinations are
gone over and the prospects for the
fafternoon are reviewed. His whole
thought is on his work all the time.

Pat is not one of those who are anxto lous to get home to dinner. He does not

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Another fine trait of the Red leader Another fine trait of the Red leader is that he never attempts to hog the limelight or grab the glory, but always aims to give most of the credit for winning to his players. The fans have doubtless noticed that Pat often pats a player on the back and gives him a word of congratulation after making an exceptionally good play. This is no grand stand stunt with him, but only a part of his nature.

congrands that the state of the

A certain class of manager is prone to ignore the good plays made by his men and to dilate on the mistakes which

none of which ever had a real y serious slump of any duration. The longest stretch of defeats suffered by the Reds to date was the four straight games lost Week to the Pirates in the latter part of May. +Gain At no other time has the team lost more than two games in a row, and usually a defeat is followed by a victory the very

## Always Come Back.

The resiliency of the club is very strong. It always comes back. The worst defeat of the club and the game in which it played the worst ball it has shown was on Sunday, June 29, when the defence went all to pieces and the

In that game the Reds did about every bad thing they could think of. The Cardinals made twenty-two hits off six Red pitchers, and the feiding was sloppy in the extreme. Yet the Reds came back the rext day and won both games of of double header from the Cubs, a much more powerful team than the Couldness and then went along until In that game the Reds did about every the Cardinals, and then went along until they had won nine out of their next ten

On the other hand the team has twice On the other hand the team has twice staged winning streaks of seven straight games, and has often won three, four or five games in succession. This ability
to keep on winning when things are
breaking right and to check a losing
streak amost before it starts is a sign
of a real ball club, and Manager Moran
le mainly responsible for the spirit which
has produced the result.

## WITH SEMI-PRO TEAMS.

The American Bloomer Girls baseball The American Bloomer Giris basecanteam, which plays the Ridgewood nine at Ridgewood, N. J., this afternoon, has a few open dates for home teams of both sexes. For games write M. R. Nagle, 647 Bay street, Supleton, Staten

The Bunker Hill P C of Paterson,
N. J., would like to book games with
home clubs in and around New York.
Write V. O'Nelli, 103 Lafayette street.
Paterson, N. J.